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Description

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HENRI TEMIANKA FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

7 April, 1969

Mr. Henri Temianka
2915 Patricia Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90064

Dear Henri:

I have debated the advisability of ignoring the conversation between us on Sunday; however, nothing can be gained by ignoring an issue that effects matters of personal dignity.

Your unprovoked conduct of yesterday put me in the embarrassing position of having to renege on an invitation to Miss Salli Janes to join me as my guest for the Lake Tahoe dinner, and has deeply hurt me.

With due respect to your position in our Society, I consider your action not only reprehensible but unjustified; it speaks of your lack of regard for me.

We may over the years have had our differences of opinion, but at no time during our association have I had reason to doubt that you and other key people in the Society ever questioned my devotion to my work or my tact and circumspection in Society matters.

The sum total of my efforts has at all times been directed to providing Henri Temianka and the California Chamber Symphony with the dignity and public recognition commensurate with the belief I have in both.

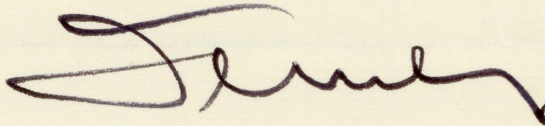
My acquiescence over the phone yesterday was not a matter of acceding to your views that I "compromise" the Society by inviting Miss Janes; it was a desire to avoid a head-on confrontation that perhaps would make both of us say things neither of us mean to say.

A great deal of my blood and sweat has gone into our Society, and I am not about to let personal injury derail me from succeeding in an overall project. Since the future of the Calif. Chamber Symphony will depend to a large degree on the effectiveness of our collaboration and mutual respect, I can only continue

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to offer you mine and expect no less from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Werner', with a large, stylized initial 'W' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Werner Gebauer

WG/ap